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FOR MCCALL FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WE FULLY AGREE WITH YOUR COMMENTS ON STATE 133614,
WHICH REQUESTED ARTICLE BY COMBS FOR NEWSLETTER. OUR
CABLE SHOULD PUT MATTER TO REST.

2. RE PARAS 6 AND 11, STATE 135544, BOTH GUIDES HAVE
RECEIVED APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS AND SO FAR AS I AM
AWARE HAVE NOT RESISTED THEM.

3. IMMUNITIES LEGISLATION (STATE 134188): PRESENT
ATMOSPHERE SHOULD LOGICALLY SUPPORT SUPPLEMENTARY
BILATERAL AGREEMENT RATHER THAN MILITATE AGAINST IT.
WITHOUT IT EVERY NON-DIPLOMATIC MEMBER OF STAFF IS
POTENTIAL HOSTAGE. IF WE CANNOT COVER THEM BY
SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT, WE MUST SERIOUSLY AND URGENTLY
CONSIDER WHETHER WE CAN SEND NON-DIPLOMATIC STAFF TO
MOSCOW AT ALL. TO EXPOSE SOME OF OUR PEOPLE TO TRUMPED-
CHARGES IN RETALIATION FOR ARRESTS OF SOVIETS IN U.S.
WOULD SIMPLY BE UNCONSCIONABLE. IF THERE IS ANY DANGER
OF OUR NON-DIPLOMATIC STAFF LOSING FULL IMMUNITY, SOV
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SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INITIATE URGENT CONSULTATION WITH
DG OR M TO MAKE SURE WE CONVERT EVERYONE HERE TO
FULL DIPLOMATIC STATUS OR REMOVE THEM FORTHWITH IF FULL
IMMUNITY IS LOST.

4. HOW DOES CHERNYAYEV/ENGER CASE STAND? WHAT ARE OUR
INTENTIONS REGARDING FUTURE COURSE OF EVENTS? WHILE

IMPLICATIONS FOR US ARE POTENTIALLY QUITE SERIOUS, WE
FEEL VERY MUCH IN DARK AS TO WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON.

5. WITH REGARD TO INTEREST AMONG OFFICERS HERE FOR
ONGOING ASSIGNMENT TO PM; AS MILES MENTIONED TO GARY
MATTHEWS IN HELSINKI, HE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN SOV
SLOT IN GENEVA SALT DEL (IF THAT SLOT IS STILL AVAILABLE
IN 1979). FOR FINANCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL REASONS, MILES
PREFERS NOT TO ACCEPT U.S. ASSIGNMENT UNTIL CA. 1981, BUT
NATURALLY, WOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER ANY PM OFFERS. FYI -
MILES IS STILL INTERESTED IN ONGOING ASSIGNMENT TO NON-
ARABIC-LANGUAGE POSITION IN M.E. OR NORTH AFRICA AND SPOKE
TO APPROPRIATE PEOPLE IN NEA AND AF ABOUT THIS WHILE IN
THE DEPT. LAST JANUARY.

6. FROM PORTER: APPRECIATE VERY MUCH YOUR EFFORTS ON MY
BEHALF. MCGIFFERT JOB SOUNDS INTERESTING AND CHALLENGING,
BUT MY FIRST CHOICE WOULD STILL BE SOMETHING OUTSIDE OF
AREA IN WESTERN EUROPE, AS YOU KNOW. I AM ALSO GREATLY
INTERESTED IN A YEAR IN SOVIET OR EVEN BETTER AMERICAN
STUDIES AS AN ALTERNATE MEANS OF DECOMPRESSION. AND
DESPITE MY INITIAL NEGATIVE REACTION, WOULD LIKE TO
CONSIDER EARLY WAR COLLEGE. ASK JODY LEWINSOHN IF SHE
HAS ANYTHING AND PLEASE SUGGEST TO EDMINSTER HE TOSS IN
SOME OUTSIDE POSSIBILITIES. MANY THANKS.

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7. WITH REFERENCE TO MOSCOW 11899 ON MFA REJECTION OF
CONGRESSMAN THOMPSON'S LETTER, WE WOULD LIKE TO TRY OUT THE
FOLLOWING PROPOSAL ON YOU. OBVIOUSLY WE DO NOT WANT TO GET
INTO THE BUSINESS OF DECIDING WHICH CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS
SHOULD BE FORWARDED, AND WHICH SHOULD NOT. WE SUGGEST
THAT HENCEFORTH, AND TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, CONGRESSIONAL
OFFICES BE ADVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO SEND CORRESPONDENCE
ADDRESSED TO SOVIET LEADERS DIRECTLY TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY
IN WASHINGTON, FOR FORWARDING TO MOSCOW. GIVEN THE MFA'S
POSTURE ON SUCH MAIL, THE CHANCES OF GETTING THROUGH TO
SOVIET DECISION MAKERS ON HUMAN RIGHTS CASES WOULD NOT
DECREASE. AND IF THE SOVIET EMBASSY HAD PROBLEMS WITH A
GIVEN LETTER, IT COULD COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH THE
CONGRESSMAN CONCERNED. WHAT TO YOU THINK?

8. FOR WILLEMS FROM GROSS: RE PARA 4, STATE 132737. WE
ARE OF COURSE PLEASED TO LEARN OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT
SOVIETS IN THE TCP PROGRAM WILL HAVE THEIR STAY IN ROME
REDUCED FROM SEVERAL MONTHS TO THREE DAYS. SUCH A
PROCEDURE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY INCREASE THE WORKLOAD FOR OUR
LOCAL STAFF SOMEWHAT, BUT I ANTICIPATE WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET
ALONG EITHER WITH THE EXISTING STAFF OR, AT THE MOST, WILL

NEED ONE ADDITIONAL LOCAL. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR
ASSISTANCE IN TAKING UP THIS MATTER WITH INS AND THE
EILBERG SUBCOMMITTEE. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN GREATLY
CONCERNED ABOUT THE LONG STAY IN ROME OF OUR TCP CANDIDATES,
PARTICULARLY THE OLD AND FEEBLE. MATLOCK

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